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MATERIALS" )  
  
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- To the best of applicants' belief, the pertinence of the foreign-language references are believed to be summarized in the attached English abstracts and in the figures, although applicants do not necessarily vouch for the accuracy of the translation.
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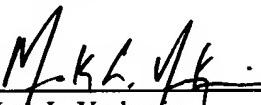
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Respectfully submitted,

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